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Raised Bill No. 6527

LCO No. 3604

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING BAZAARS AND RAFFLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-172 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) No bazaar or raffle may be promoted, operated or conducted in
4 any municipality after the adoption of the provisions of sections 7-170
5 to 7-186, inclusive, as amended by this act, unless it is sponsored and
6 conducted exclusively by (1) an officially recognized organization or
7 association of veterans of any war in which the United States has been
8 engaged, (2) a church or religious organization, (3) a civic or service
9 club, (4) a fraternal or fraternal benefit society, (5) an educational or
10 charitable organization, (6) an officially recognized volunteer fire
11 company, (7) a political party or town committee thereof, or (8) a
12 municipality acting through a committee designated to conduct a
13 celebration of the municipality's founding on its hundredth
14 anniversary or any multiple thereof. Any such sponsoring
15 organization, except a committee designated pursuant to subdivision
16 (8) of this [section] subsection, shall have been organized in good faith
17 and actively functioning as a nonprofit organization within the

18 municipality that is to issue the permit for a period of not less than six
19 months prior to its application for a permit under the provisions of
20 said sections. The promotion and operation of a bazaar or raffle shall
21 be confined solely to the qualified members of the sponsoring
22 organization, provided a committee designated pursuant to
23 subdivision (8) of this [section] subsection may promote or operate
24 through its members and any officially appointed volunteers. No such
25 member or officially appointed volunteer in the case of a raffle held
26 pursuant to subdivision (8) of this [section] subsection may receive
27 remuneration in any form for time or effort devoted to the promotion
28 or operation of the bazaar or raffle. No person under the age of
29 eighteen years may promote, conduct, operate or work at a bazaar or
30 raffle and no person under the age of sixteen years may sell or promote
31 the sale of any raffle tickets, nor shall any sponsoring organization
32 permit any person under the age of eighteen to so promote, conduct or
33 operate any bazaar or raffle or any person under the age of sixteen to
34 sell or promote the sale of such tickets. Any sponsoring organization
35 having received a permit from any municipality may sell or promote
36 the sale of such raffle tickets in that municipality and in any other
37 town, city or borough which has adopted the provisions of sections 7-
38 170 to 7-186, inclusive. All funds derived from any bazaar or raffle
39 shall be used exclusively for the purpose stated in the application of
40 the sponsoring organization as provided in section 7-173.

41 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
42 a bazaar at which games of chance may be played by students and
43 guests of such students may be sponsored at a public or nonpublic
44 secondary school by such school, a group of parents of students
45 attending school or by the teachers or administrators of such school
46 provided (1) such students are members (A) of the senior class
47 graduating in the calendar year in which the bazaar at which the
48 games are played is held, or (B) of the junior class graduating in the
49 calendar year following the calendar year in which such bazaar is held;
50 (2) such guests are sixteen years of age or older; (3) the bazaar is
51 supervised and the games are operated by parents, teachers or school

52 administrators; (4) the purpose of the bazaar at which such games are
 53 played is strictly social and no charge in any form is made to play such
 54 game and no wagering is permitted which involves anything of value,
 55 provided (A) the sponsor may charge a nominal admission fee to cover
 56 the costs of equipment, prizes or refreshments, and (B) the sponsor
 57 may provide door prizes; (5) the bazaar is solely for such students,
 58 faculty or the families of such students and the guests of such persons,
 59 and the sponsor does not advertise or otherwise hold the bazaar open
 60 to members of the general public; (6) no more than two such bazaars
 61 for such students may be held during any calendar year, provided
 62 such bazaars shall be held in connection with the senior or junior prom
 63 or graduation activities; and (7) no alcoholic beverages of any kind are
 64 served at the bazaar. Such school or group of parents, teachers or
 65 administrators shall be deemed to be an organization for purposes of
 66 sections 7-170 to 7-181, inclusive, as amended by this act, 7-184 to 7-
 67 186, inclusive, as amended by this act, and shall be exempt from the
 68 provisions of sections 7-182 and 7-183.

69 Sec. 2. Section 7-185a of the general statutes is amended by adding
 70 subsection (h) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

71 (NEW) (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-
 72 186, inclusive, as amended by this act, and the regulations adopted
 73 thereunder, a public or nonpublic secondary school or a group of
 74 parents of students attending such a school or of the teachers or
 75 administrators of such a school may conduct the bazaar if the
 76 municipality in which the bazaar is to be conducted has adopted the
 77 provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive, as amended by this act,
 78 and the chief executive officer of such municipality has approved such
 79 bazaar in writing.

80 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any public or nonpublic
 81 secondary school or a group of parents of students attending such a
 82 school or of the teachers or administrators of such a school may
 83 operate and conduct bingo under a Class B permit at which bingo

84 games may be played by such students and by the guests of such
 85 students provided (1) such students are members (A) of the senior
 86 class graduating in the calendar year in which the bingo at which the
 87 bingo games are played is held, or (B) of the junior class graduating in
 88 the calendar year following the calendar year in which such bingo is
 89 held; (2) such guests are sixteen years of age or older; (3) the bingo is
 90 supervised and the games are operated by parents, teachers or school
 91 administrators; (4) the purpose of the bingo at which such bingo games
 92 are played is strictly social and no charge in any form is made to play
 93 such bingo games and no wagering is permitted which involves
 94 anything of value, provided (A) the sponsor may charge a nominal
 95 admission fee to cover the costs of equipment, bingo cards or sheets,
 96 prizes or refreshments, and (B) the sponsor may provide door prizes;
 97 (5) the bingo is solely for such students, faculty or the families of such
 98 students and the guests of such persons, and the sponsor does not
 99 advertise or otherwise hold the bingo open to members of the general
 100 public; (6) no more than two such bingo events shall be held in
 101 connection with the senior or junior prom or graduation activities; and
 102 (7) no alcoholic beverages of any kind are served at the bingo. Such
 103 school or group of parents, teachers or administrators shall be deemed
 104 to be an organization for the purposes of subsections (a) to (g),
 105 inclusive, and subsection (k) of section 7-169 of the general statutes,
 106 and shall be exempt from the provisions of subsections (h) and (j) of
 107 section 7-169 of the general statutes.

108 Sec. 4. Section 53-278c of the general statutes is amended by adding
 109 subsection (g) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

110 (NEW) (g) Any firm or corporation that is engaged in the business
 111 of conducting legal games of chance in other states may store gambling
 112 devices in this state for use outside of the state, provided such firm or
 113 corporation has obtained approval for the storage and transportation
 114 of such devices from the Commissioner of Public Safety. The
 115 commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
 116 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this

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